

British Sure to Win If U. S. Sends Convoys, Legion Chief Says

Victory in the Balance
Without Our Aid, Reports
Observer on Return

By The Associated Press.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 14.—The American Legion's national commander, back from an official visit to England, said today the British were "practically certain" to win the war with American supplies and that "we can feel reasonably certain" of getting such supplies to England "only by actually conveying them."

Comdr. Milo J. Warner of Toledo, Ohio, reporting to Legion headquarters on the organization's four-man mission to Britain, asserted that assurances of munitions and food from this country would enable the British to "carry on and keep their chins up."

"It is definitely in the balance whether they can win without our aid, that is, the actual delivery to them of these much needed munitions and food supplies," he said. "With these munitions and food supplies their ultimate victory is practically certain."

Convoys the Only Way.

"We can feel reasonably certain of getting munitions and supplies to England only by actually conveying them," he added.

Mr. Warner said that his group was given to understand that the British "do not have the trained technicians and personnel to take over our destroyers and ships and place them properly into necessary combat and convoy operation."

"At no time," Mr. Warner said, "did they hear anybody express implicit confidence in England's ability to protect the shipping necessary to secure all the supplies from outside which are so badly needed."

"The British have made a remarkable recovery from the very severe punishment of last fall and November and December," he said. "The morale of the civilian population and of the armed forces is excellent. The air force is confident that Germany never will secure supremacy in the air over England. Great Britain's army is confident that an invasion cannot ultimately be successful."

Transfer of Bases Seen.

He expressed belief that British officials would consider relinquishing military and naval control of insular possessions in the Western Hemisphere, "particularly in the Caribbean," to the United States "with the question of the government of the island population to be left for future determination," and urged that this country work out an agreement in regard to such control.

The Legion mission was in England from February 8 to February 26 to study civilian defense work. Besides Mr. Warner, those in the party included his aide, Joseph S. Deutscher of Columbus, Ohio; former Comdr. Franklin D. Oiler of Newark, N. J., president of the Prudential Life Insurance Co., and Frank Parker of Washington, retired Army major general.

C. I. O. Wins Election At Coast Plane Plant

By The Associated Press.

LOS ANGELES, March 14.—The C. I. O. apparently has won the collective bargaining agency at the huge North American aviation plant at Inglewood. A National Labor Relations Board tabulation last night showed 3,045 votes for the C. I. O. to 2,975 for the A. F. L.

Walter P. Sprockels, regional director for the N. L. R. B., said the vote would be sent to Washington for certification.

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ATTEND ANNUAL TRAVELERS' AID MEETING—Shown yesterday at the annual meeting of the Travelers' Aid Society are, left to right, Charles P. Taft, guest speaker; W. B. Clarkson, president of the society's Board of Directors, and Mrs. Harlan Fiske Stone, wife of the Supreme Court justice and member of the society's board. (Story on Page B-1.) —Star Staff Photo.

Illinois U. Scientists Develop Quick Test for Pregnancy

By The Associated Press.

CHICAGO, March 14.—An inexpensive, easily administered skin test that quickly indicates whether a woman is pregnant has been developed at the University of Illinois College of Medicine.

The method is 98 per cent reliable, detects pregnancy as early as two weeks and gives results within an hour, the university reported yesterday.

Colostrum is injected into the skin of the patient's forearm. There is no reaction if the woman is pregnant. If she is not pregnant, a slight, reddish swelling occurs at the injection point within an hour and lasts for four or five hours.

Colostrum is a watery liquid obtained from the breasts of women pregnant for the first time. It contains a protein to which all persons except pregnant women are sensitive. Women in pregnancy develop a tolerance for it because their breasts secrete more than the usual amount, it was explained.

Only a minute quantity of colostrum—one-fiftieth of a cubic centimeter—is required for the test, which was said to be of great aid in distinguishing between pregnancy and abdominal tumor. The widely used Aschheim-Zondek test, although 98 per cent reliable, requires two days for results and is more expensive.

The new method was developed by Dr. Frederick H. Falls, head of the department of gynecology and obstetrics; Dr. V. C. Freda of the same department, and Dr. H. H. Cohen of the physiological chemistry department. Dr. William H. Weiker, head of the latter department, acted as consultant.

Youth Steals to Escape Draft, Gets 10 Years

By The Associated Press.

CLAYTON, N. Mex., March 14.—Russell E. Frazier stole a cash register from a filling station three days before he was to have been inducted into the Army.

In pleading guilty, he told Judge Livingston N. Taylor he did it "to escape being drafted." Yesterday the judge told Frazier "my own son is in the United States Army and that is a fact of which I am proud."

Then he sentenced the youth to from 10 to 15 years in the penitentiary. "No recommendation for a parole need ever be asked of me in this case," the judge concluded.

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Deanna to Be Wed On 33d Anniversary Of Her Parents

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Hollywood Gets Taste of
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By The Associated Press.

HOLLYWOOD, March 14.—Romance, litigation, business, larceny, baseball, death and the draft figure in today's motion picture scene. Winsome Actress Deanna Durbin and Vaughn Paul, film executive, are to be married April 18 instead of June 7, so that the date will fall on the 33d wedding anniversary of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Durbin.

Ellen Drew, screen actress, and Sy Bartlett, film writer, will wed before the end of the summer, she announced. She and Fred Wallace were divorced a year ago. Mr. Bartlett is the former husband of Alice White of the silent screen.

Beery Wins \$600,000 Suit.

Wallace Beery won a Superior Court victory in the \$600,000 false arrest suit brought against him by Allan B. Whitney, whom the actor took into his home 15 years ago as a boy of 13 and sheltered for four months. Mr. Whitney was arrested when he appeared at the Beery residence a year ago last November.

Smilingly, Mr. Beery and Mrs. Loren Buftum Robinson, wealthy widow whom Mr. Beery told reporters he "probably asks every day to marry him," left the courtroom arm in arm.

Ann Sheridan, red-haired actress at outs with Warner Bros. over her salary since last fall, denied a studio announcement that the disagreement had been patched up. She has been holding out for \$2,000 a week. James Maitland Stewart, 32-year-old 1940 Motion Picture Academy

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award winner, will sign a one-year contract with Uncle Sam March 22, when he enters the Army as a volunteer trainee.

Ginger Ill From Overwork.

Jane Darwell, another 1940 academy award winner, told police some one took \$700 from her purse while she was at luncheon. She had drawn \$1,500 from a bank and paid some bills with the rest.

Ginger Rogers, who received the top award for actresses this year, has been ordered to bed by her physician, partly due to nervousness incident to that experience and partly because of overwork in her current picture. She has been absent from her studio since last Wednesday.

George Raft has become a baseball manager at \$1 a year. The

Santa Barbara club of the California State League has signed the actor-fan in a purely honorary capacity, although it announced he may actually run the team for one game. The body of Stuart Walker, 53-year-old motion picture producer and playwright, will be sent to Cincinnati for burial. He succumbed to a heart attack yesterday.

Wants Hunters Watched

MADISON, Wis. (P)—A Wisconsin legislator wants hunting parties next fall to take along a couple of uninvited guests. He has introduced a bill providing that every group of five or more be accompanied by a deputy and assistant deputy who would assist in prevention of accidents and report all game law violations.



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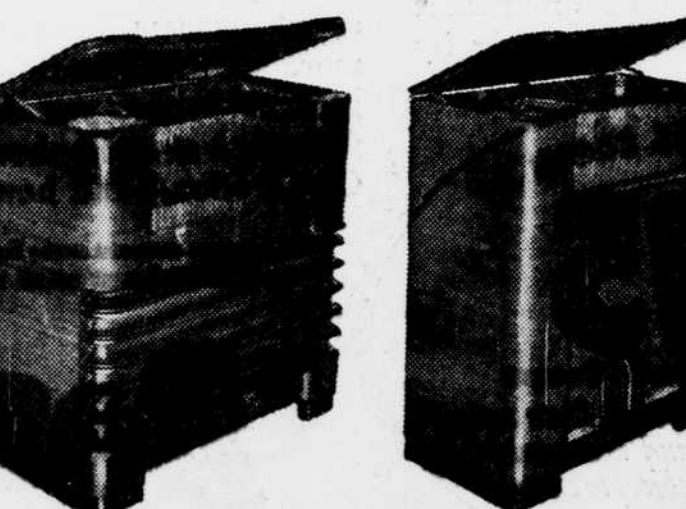
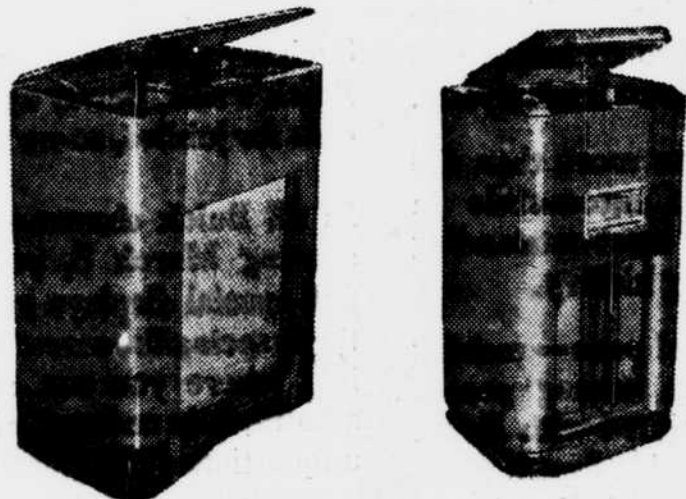
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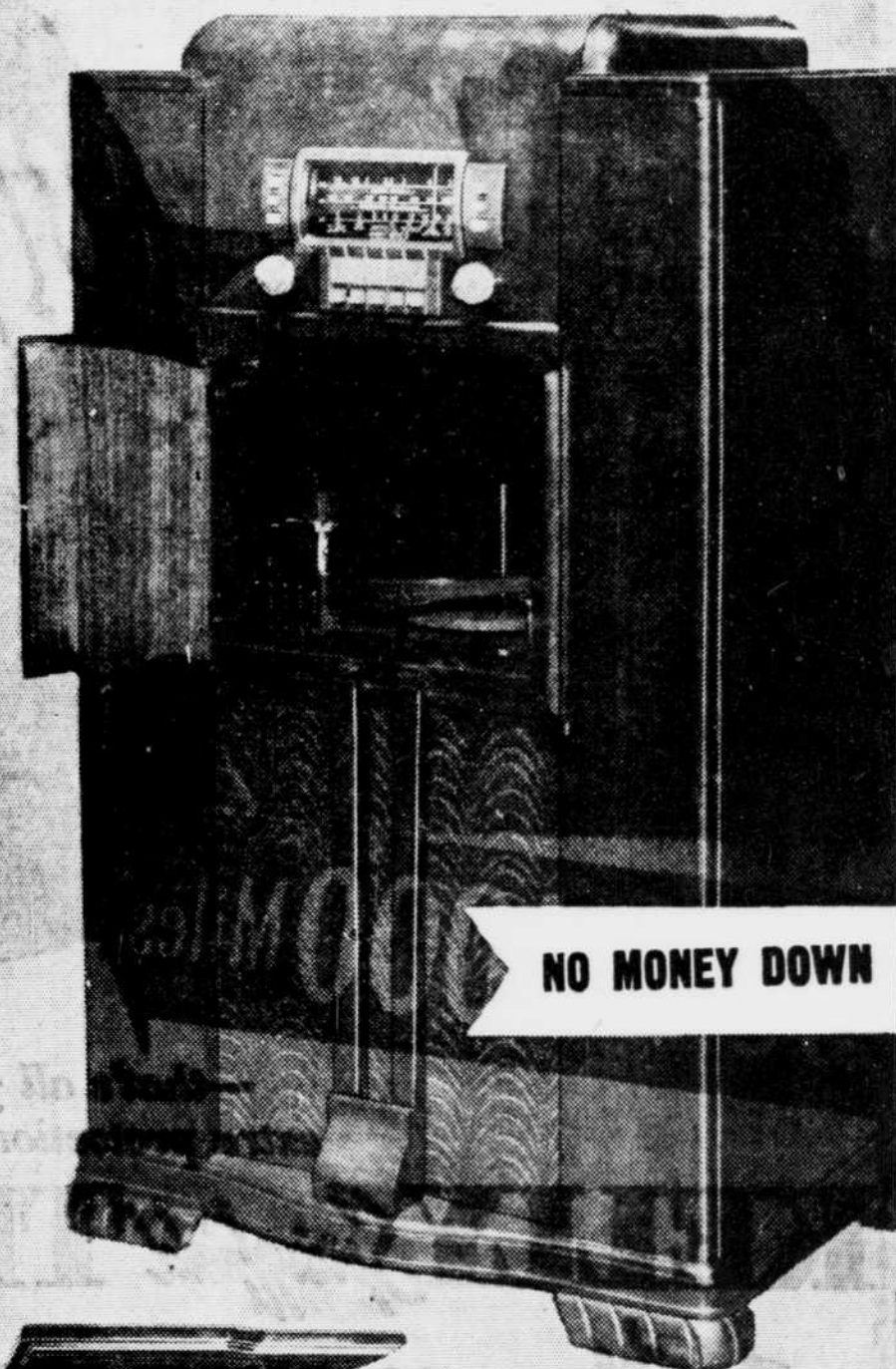
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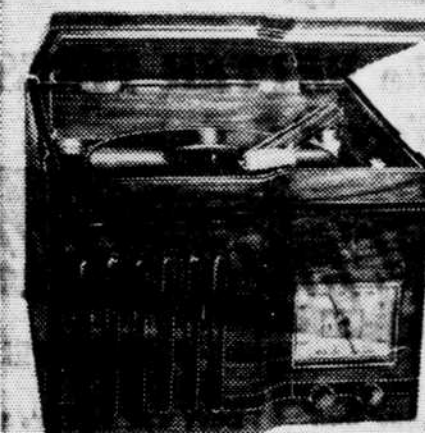
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